

**4950. Adulteration of canned sweet potatoes. U. S. v. 17 Cases of Canned Sweet Potatoes. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction.** (F. & D. No. 7204. I. S. No. 1847-1. S. No. E-544.)

On or about February 4, 1916, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel for the seizure and condemnation of 17 cases of canned sweet potatoes, remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at Norfolk, Va., alleging that the article had been shipped on or about January 31, 1916, by L. H. Schwab, Baltimore, Md., and transported from the State of Maryland into the State of Virginia, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act. Some cans were labeled in part: "Gelco Brand Sweet Potatoes—Packed for Fressit-Laws Co., Baltimore, Md." Some cans were labeled in part: "Hector Brand Sweet Potatoes—Thomas Roberts and Co., Philadelphia, Pa., U. S. A. Distributors."

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the libel for the reason that it consisted in part of a filthy, decomposed, and putrid vegetable substance.

On June 15, 1916, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product should be destroyed by the United States marshal.

R. A. PEARSON, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*